

**CHAPTER NO. 301**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1217**

**By Representatives Henri Brooks, Cooper, Marrero, Larry Turner, Brown, Favors**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 857**

**By Senators Harper, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116, relative to procedures at the polling place.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-116(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) A voter, who is physically disabled or who is visibly pregnant or frail, may request the officer of elections at the polling place for permission to be moved to the front of any line. In accordance with policies and procedures promulgated by the state coordinator of elections and at the discretion of the officer of elections, the requesting voter may be moved to the front of any line at the polling place.

(2) A temporary sign, restating the language of subdivision (1), shall be prominently and strategically posted at the polling place whenever voting is underway at the polling place.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 2005**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR